



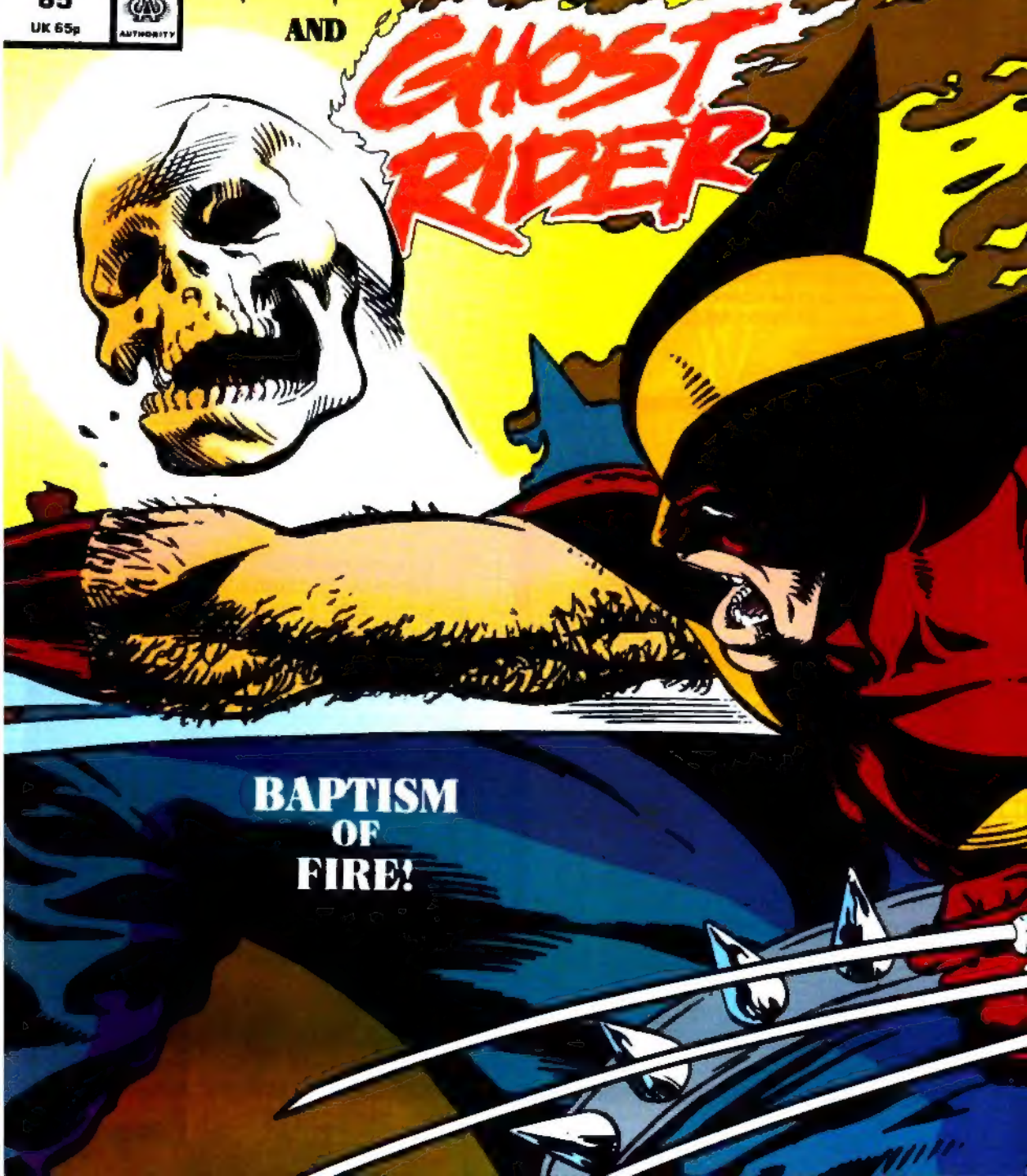
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GHOST RIDER



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WOLVERINE 1

Acts of Vengeance
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"CLAW AND CHAIN"

After being attacked by unknown assassins in Madripoor, Wolverine follows the one lead given to him to a cemetery in Brooklyn, New York in search of a man known as Deathwatch . . .

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Vandals of the Heart
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"REPARATION"

Joe Trinity lies in a hospital bed, perhaps dying. Detective Lieutenant Daniel Harris suspects a connection between Joe, the mop, and a double murder. And he's just caught his first glimpse of Poison, levitating outside Joe's hospital room window. She's gone now to pay a visit to the man and woman who broke Joe's heart and spirit. Writer — STEVE GERBER

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FANTASTIC FOUR 17

Dark Dimensions
Part 2 of 5

"THE INTERVIEW"

Weary of its unknown power, Reed has packed away his molecular regenerator in the basement of Fantastic Four headquarters. Now Sue Richards, the Invisible Woman, settles down for a quiet evening, unaware of the horrible ordeal fate has in store for her.

Writer — ROBERT DENATALE
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STARFOX 25

"WANG DANG DOODLE"

Having rescued the highly attractive Heather Delight from a race of galactic procurers, Eros, eternal of Titan, (known to his earth Avenger friends as Starfox) decides on a leisurely tour of the galaxy with her. And after a run-in with the extradimensional Lord Azuhbulxiur (they really need a rest), and Starfox knows just the place . . .

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ACTS OF VENGEANCE

PART TWO:
CLAW & CHAIN

FEATURING

WOLVERINE
AND
GHOST RIDER

BROOKLYN,
NEW YORK...

DEATHWATCH...

...WHERE ARE YOU?

WHO ARE YOU?

WHY DO YOU WANT
ME DEAD?



YOU LEFT A TRAIL IN MADRIDPOOR A BLIND MAN COULD FOLLOW.

I PICKED UP YOUR MEN'S SCENTS AT THE AIRPORT
AND HAVE BEEN TAILING THEM EVER SINCE.

YOU WANT ME
TO FIND YOU.

WHAT TRAP IS
WAITING FOR ME
IN THIS CEMETERY?

THERE.

MAN DRESSED LIKE
THE ONES THAT
ATTACKED ME IN
MADRIDPOOR.

DON'T WANT TO MAKE
A MOVE UNTIL I KNOW
WHAT THEY HAVE IN
STORE FOR ME.

OWWWW—
A WOMAN!

COULD BE
PART OF
THE TRAP.

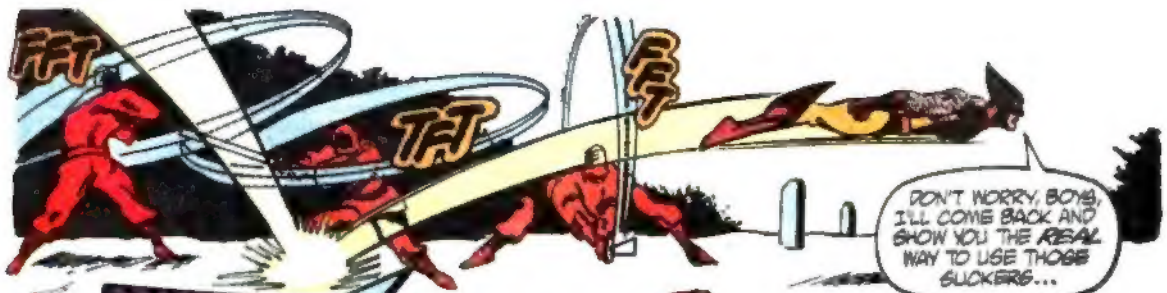
WONDER
WHAT'S
IN THE
BACK.

SNIKT

CAN'T
TAKE THE
CHANCE.

SNIKT

NIHT!



DON'T WORRY, BOYS,
I'LL COME BACK AND
SHOW YOU THE REAL
WAY TO USE THOSE
SUCKERS...

...BUT
FIRST--



I HOPE THE GIRL
ISN'T A PART OF
THE TRAP--

--I'VE GOT
AN EXECUTION
TO STOP.

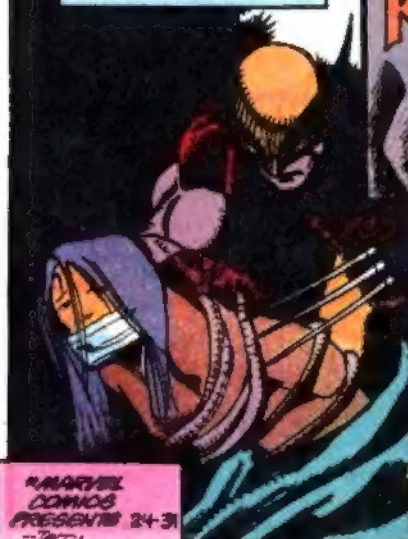
--I'M ALWAYS LECTURING
HAWK ABOUT LOSING
HIS HEAD TO THE LADIES.
LIKE HE ALMOST DID TO
THAT PLASMA DAVE
BACK IN EGYPT.



INCOMING
AND FAST.

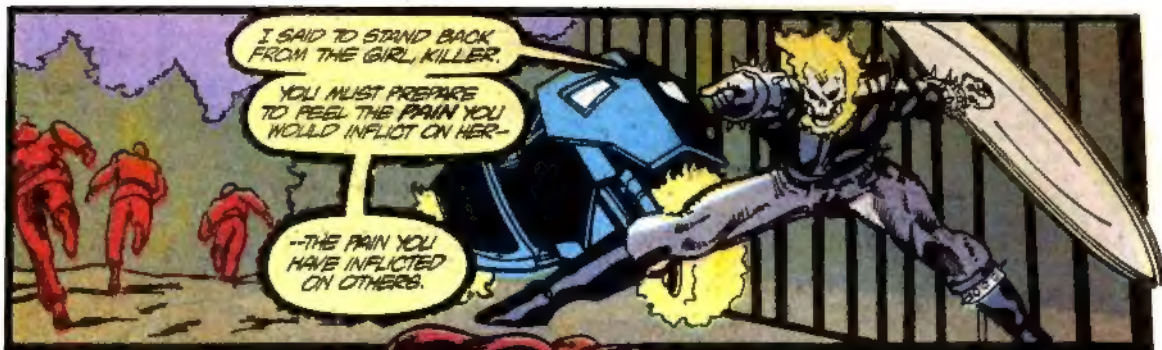
THEY SET ME UP TO BE
TAKEN OUT BY A MISSILE?

A BIT OF OVERKILL.
I'M GOOD, BUT...



LEAVE THE
GIRL ALONE,
DEATHWATCH
ASSASSIN!

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--Terry



I SAID TO STAND BACK FROM THE GIRL KILLER.

YOU MUST PREPARE TO FEEL THE PAIN YOU WOULD INFLICT ON HER--

--THE PAIN YOU HAVE INFLICTED ON OTHERS.



I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU THINK I AM, BUT I DON'T LIKE BEING ACCUSED OF ANYTHING!

YOU SEEM TO BE A PART OF THIS WHOLE SETUP. I WANT ANSWERS AND I WANT THEM--

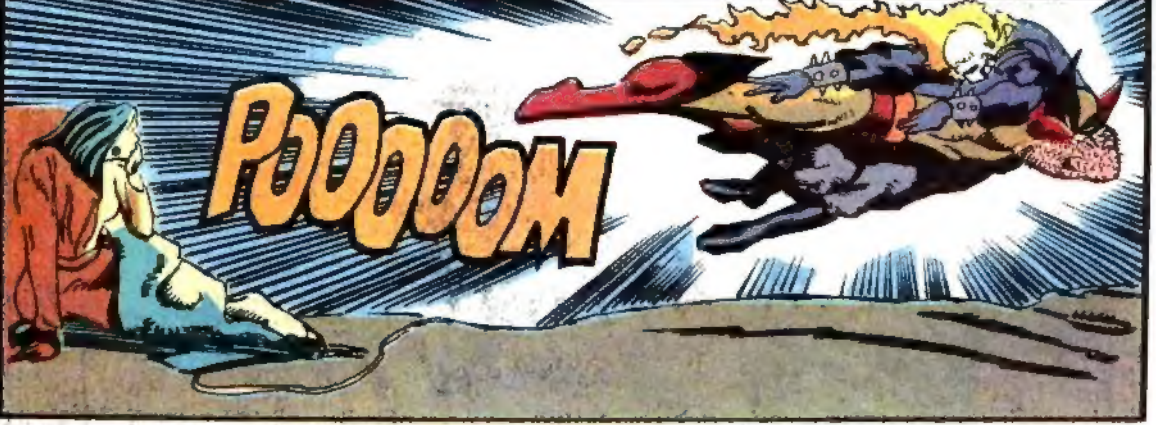


--NOOOOOOOOOO!!



THANK YOU!

GO. BEFORE--



POOOOON



HE'S STRONG.
I'LL GIVE HIM THAT.

NOW LET'S SEE WHAT HE'S GOT
UNDERNEATH THAT COSTUME OF HIS--

HUH?

HE'S
ALL
BONES.



A FOR-REAL
DEMON?

NOT THE FIRST ONE
I'VE RUN UP AGAINST.



THEY ALL FALL ONE
WAY OR ANOTHER--

FWAM



YOU SEEK TO INFLICT
PAIN, CLAWED ONE!

I WILL SHOW YOU
THE TRUE MEANING
OF PAIN.

THIS GUY'S
A REGULAR
JUGGERNAUT.

BUT EVEN CL' JUGHEAD HAS BEEN STOPPED BY ME AND THE X-MEN.

SHWAK

THAT SHOULD PUT HIM OUT OF ACTION.

KLOOM

—ONE OF THE BEST SCRAPS I'VE HAD IN A WHILE.

DO BAD THOUGH...

NO!

WHAT THE--?

YOU MUST FEEL THE PAIN OF VENGEANCE.

THE PAIN THAT YOU HAVE INFLICTED ON THE INNOCENT.





I DO
UNDERSTAND...
TWO OF YOUR
BEST MEN
LOST, BUT--

YES, SIR...
I DO APPRECIATE
THE FAVOR YOU
TRIED TO DO
FOR ME--

NOT IN-
GRATITUDE,
INEXPERIENCE.
I'VE NEVER--

--YES, SIR...

DISCUSS IT
TOMORROW

SAL...?
SALLY?
WHERE DID
YOU--

chasssssh!

POISON

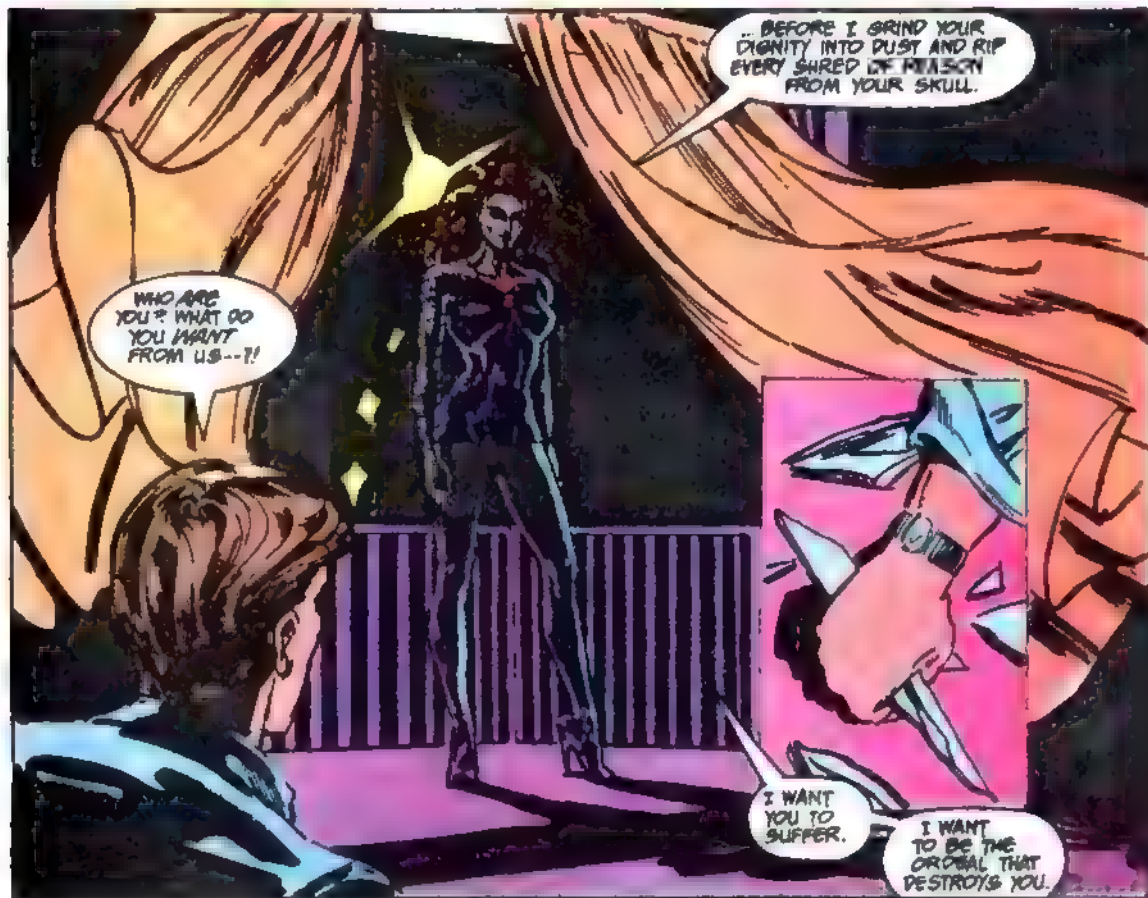
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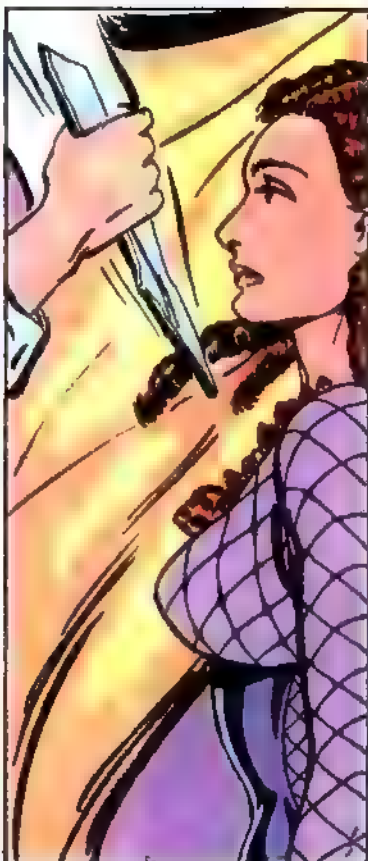
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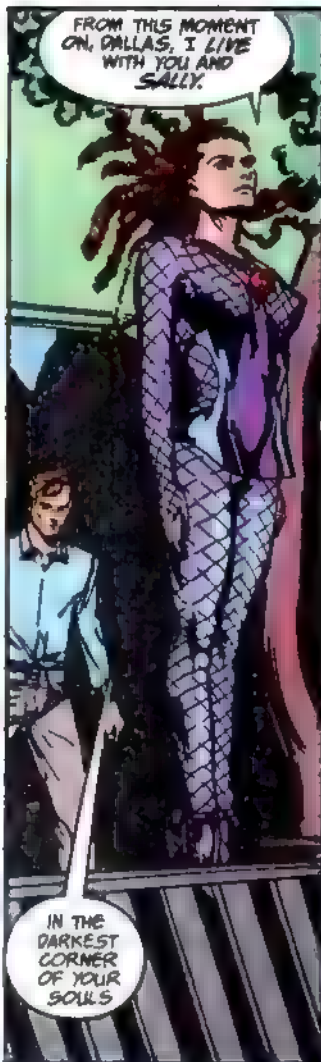
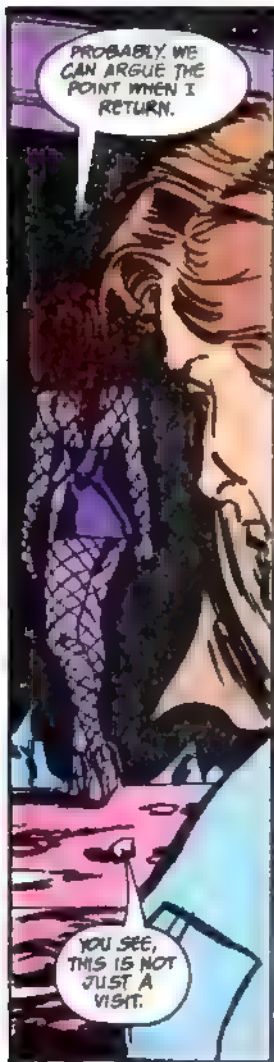
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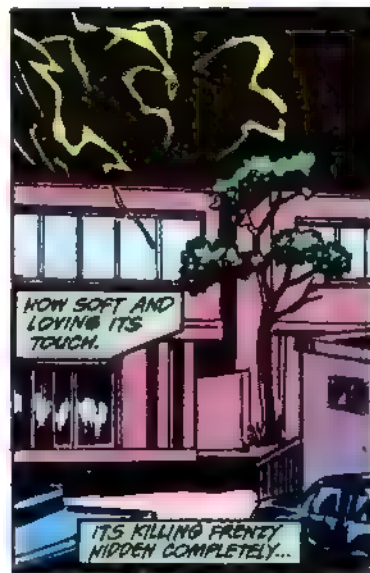
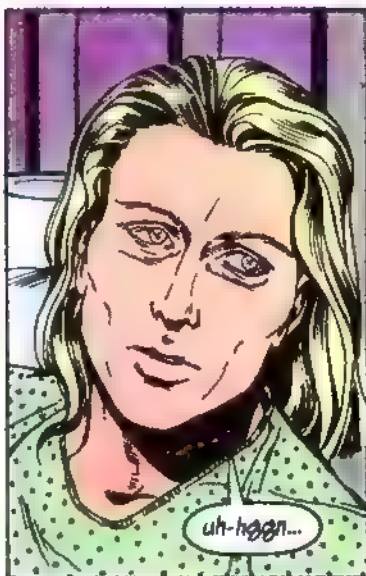
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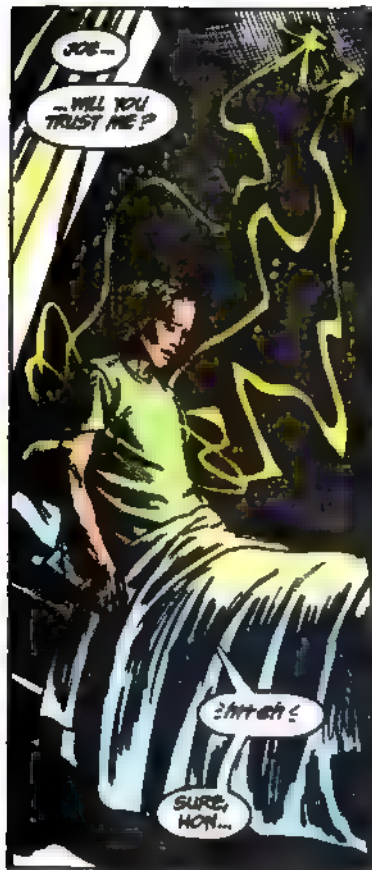
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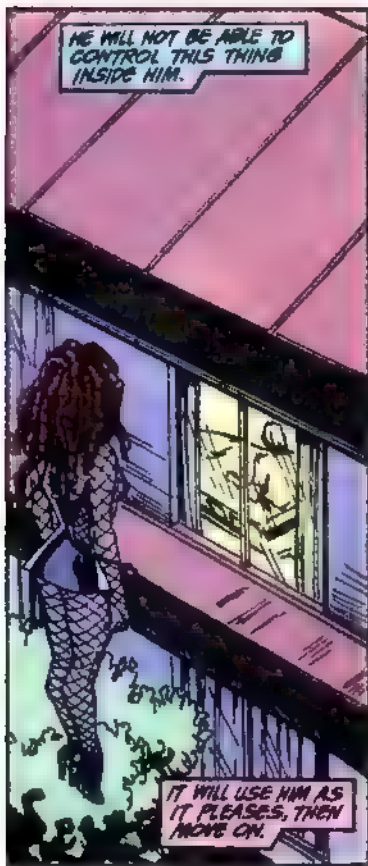












THE SLUG'S ESTATE, THE FOLLOWING DAY...

INTRIGUING...

SHE RESEMBLES
THE WOMAN OUR LATE,
LAMENTED JIMBO CLAIMED
ATTACKED HIM.

HE THOUGHT SHE
WAS TRINITY'S
BODYGUARD.

WHATEVER SHE IS, MR.
LUSSEMAN, SHE REPRESENTS
A THREAT TO OUR --
YOUR -- INTERESTS.

WE INTERPRET
THE SITUATION
DIFFERENTLY, DALLAS.
TRUE, THIS PERSON
COST ME AN
ASSOCIATE--



-- BUT ONLY
BECAUSE I TRIED
TO DO YOU A
FAVOR.

I UNDERSTAND,
SIR, BUT--

HEREAFTER, YOU'LL HAVE
TO DEAL WITH HER, AND
WITH TRINITY, ON
YOUR OWN.

I RECOMMEND
YOU DO IT
QUICKLY.

THERE ARE OTHER
BANKS--AND OTHER
INVESTMENT COUNSELORS--
WHO WOULD COVET MY
BUSINESS.

I VALUE YOUR
SERVICES, BUT
ONLY ONE
COMPONENT OF
MY OPERATION
IS NON-
EXPENDABLE.



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NEXT ISSUE...

DEADLY DIMENSIONS

PART
2

INTERVIEW

RAIN BEATS DOWN AGAINST HER WALLS AND WINDOWS, THE STACCATO SOUND OF A THOUSAND TINY DRUMMERS. THE WIND WALES LIKE AN OLD WOMAN, MOURNING A LIFE LOST TO PAIN AND LONGING FOR THE THUNDER - IT'S AS IF THE SKY IS TEARING ITSELF APART WITH GRIEF.

KRAKA-THOOM

FEATURING:

Fantastic Four

SPOTLIGHTING:

INVISIBLE WOMAN

SUSAN RICHARDS HAS TRAVELED TO THE STARS AND BACK, STOOD HER OWN BESIDE THE MOST POWERFUL BEINGS IN THE UNIVERSE. BUT TODAY WHAT SHE FEELS MOST IS HOW SMALL WE ARE. HOW FRAGILE ARE OUR LITTLE EFFORTS AGAINST THE FORCES THAT MOVE THE EARTH.

IT'S NOT LIKE ME TO BE THIS MELANCHOLY REED'S TAKEN FRANKLIN INTO TOWN-- THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE MY NIGHT TO RELAX-- HAVE FUN!

HMM.. IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I'VE BEEN ABLE TO GIVE IN TO MY MOODS THIS WAY.

I HOPE THAT WOMAN FROM OMNI MAGAZINE IS STILL COMING BY TO INTERVIEW ME, OR ELSE I'LL SPEND ALL NIGHT STARRING INTO SPACE.

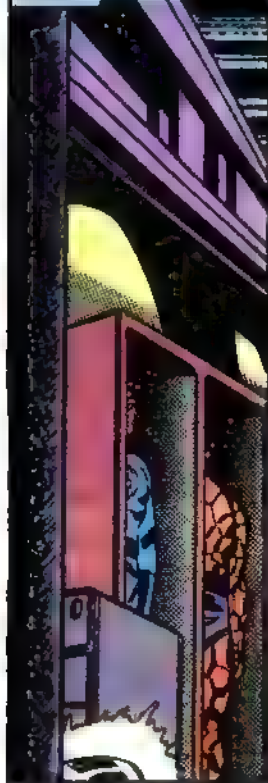
THERE MUST BE SOMETHING INTERESTING I CAN DO WHILE I'M WAITING!

ALL WEEK I'VE BEEN BUGGING REED TO SHOW ME HOW TO ACCESS THE COMPUTER AT THE FANTASTIC FOUR'S NEW HEADQUARTERS FOUR FREEDOM'S PLAZA-- MAYBE I'LL JUST FIGURE IT OUT MYSELF!

JUST BECAUSE REED AND I ARE TAKING TIME OFF FROM THE TEAM DOESN'T MEAN WE HAVE TO STAY OUT OF TOUCH WITH WHAT'S GOING ON.

HMMM...

IS IT A FREAK
ACCIDENT--LIGHTNING
STRIKING A PHONE
LINE.



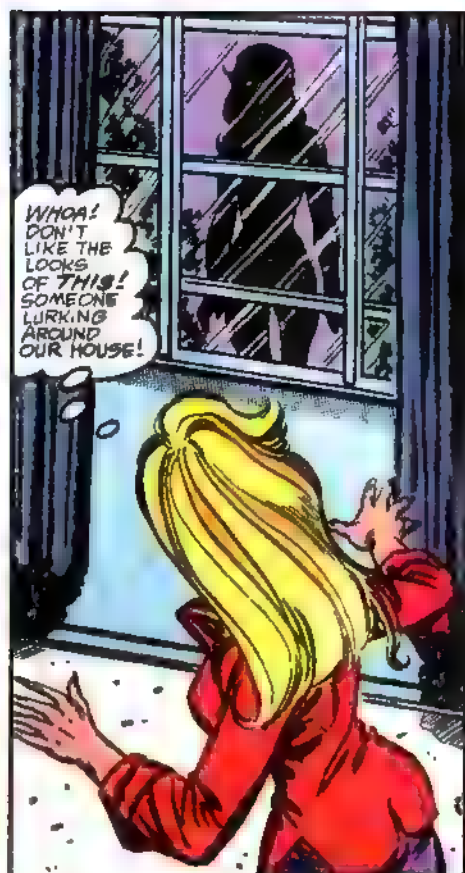
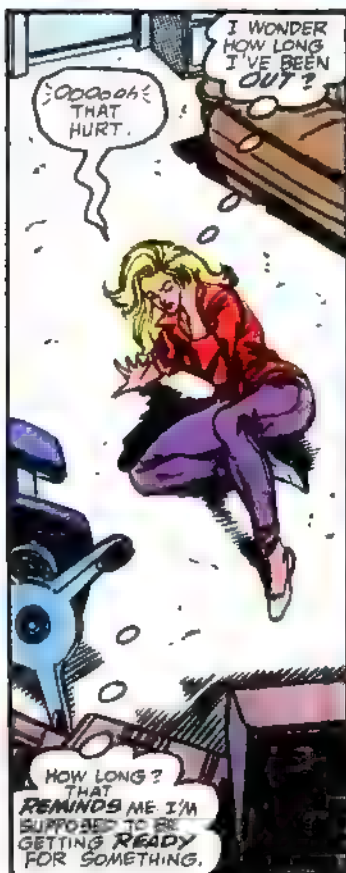
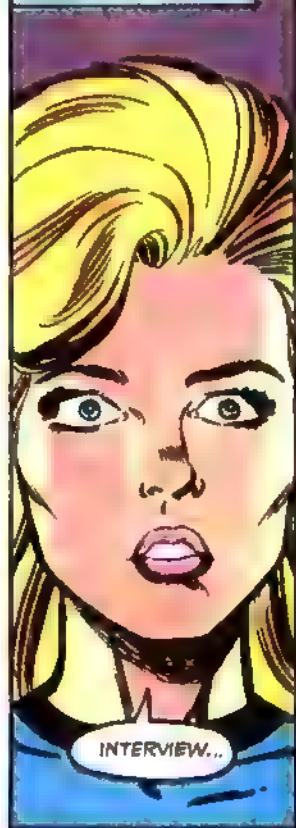
...OR SOME
SINISTER
DESIGN...

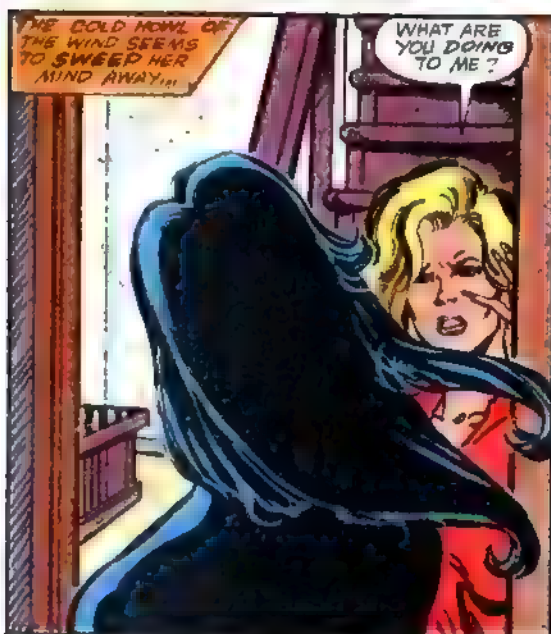
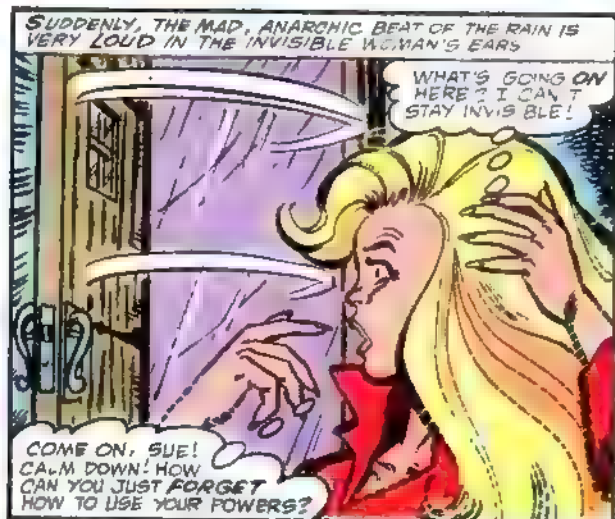
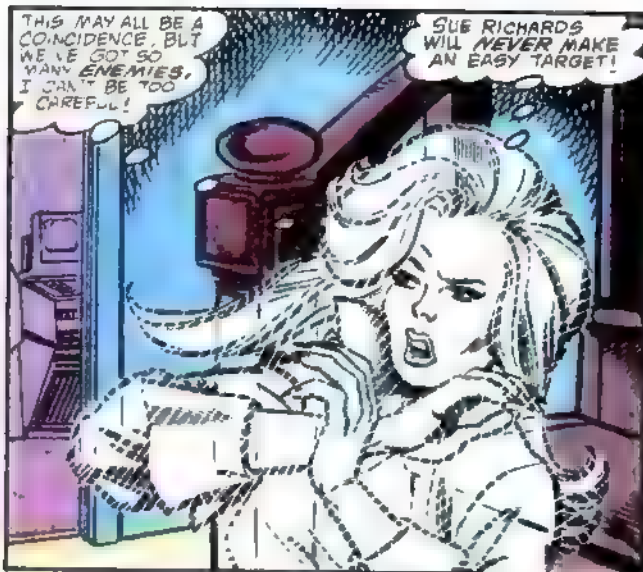


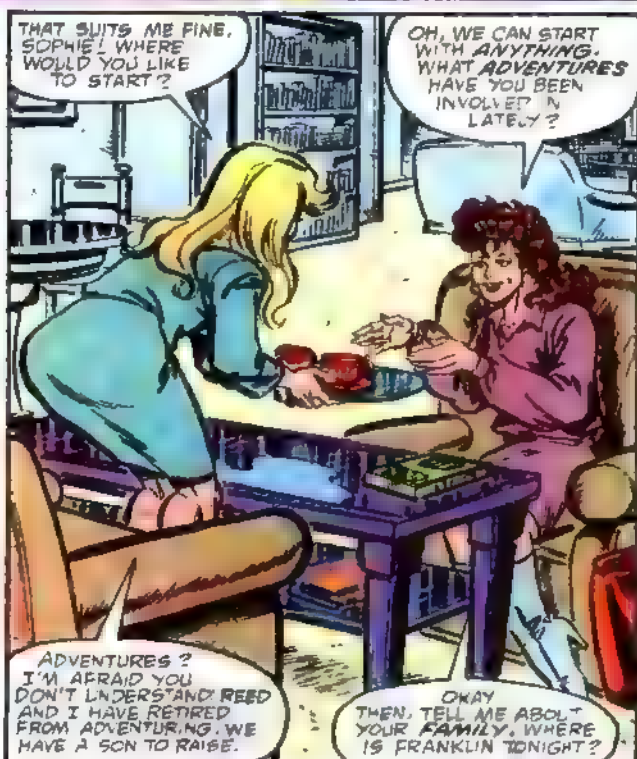
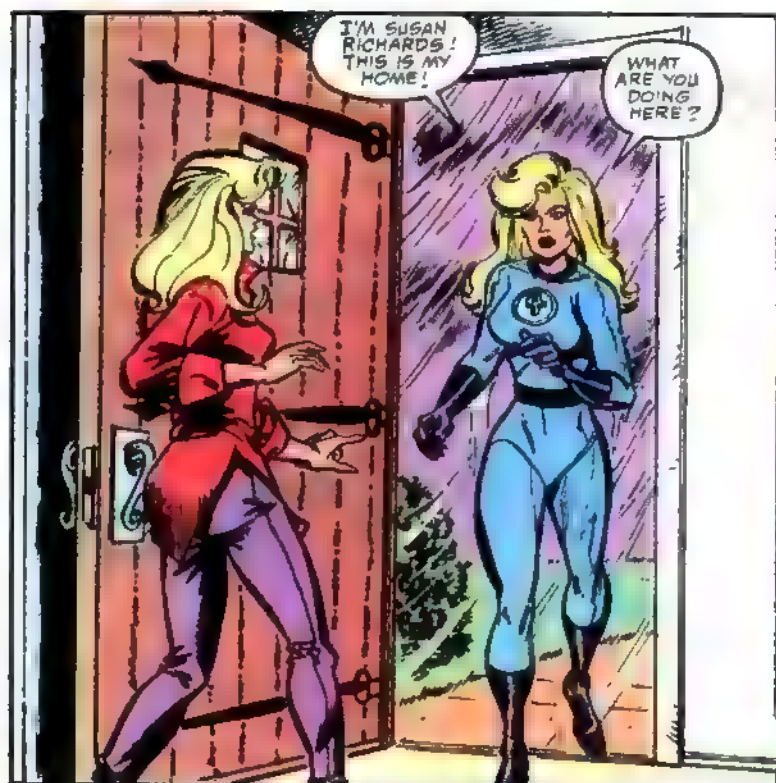
... THAT MAKES
ONE OF THOSE
TROPHIES.

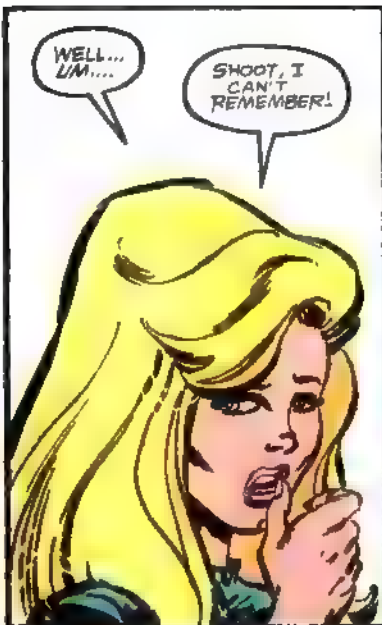


... SPRING TO LIFE?!



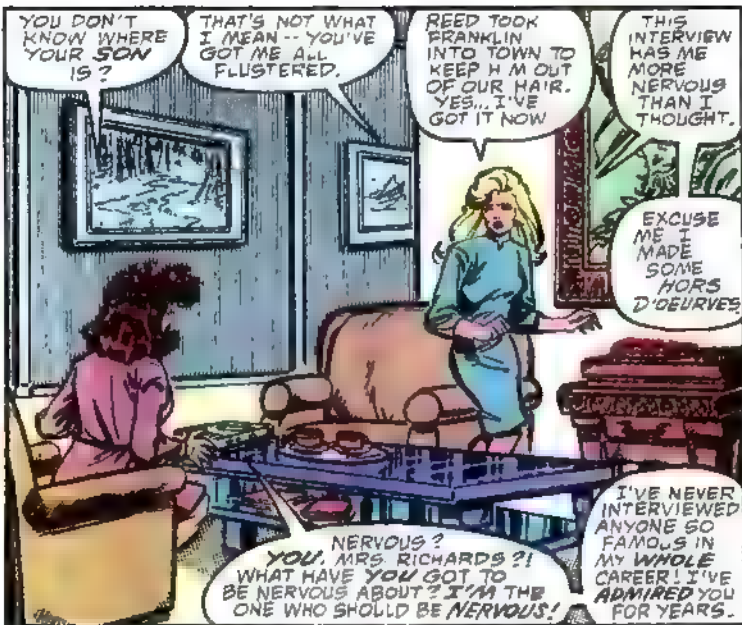






WELL... UM....

SHOOT, I CAN'T REMEMBER!



YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE YOUR SON IS?

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN -- YOU'VE GOT ME ALL FLUSTERED.

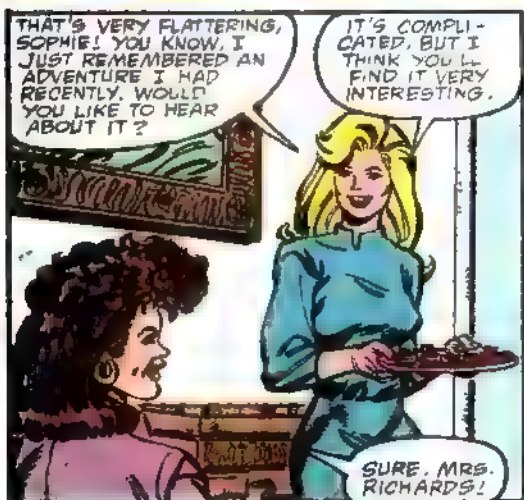
REED TOOK FRANKLIN INTO TOWN TO KEEP HIM OUT OF OUR HAIR. YES... I'VE GOT IT NOW.

THIS INTERVIEW HAS ME MORE NERVOUS THAN I THOUGHT.

EXCUSE ME I MADE SOME HORRORS D'OEUVRES.

I'VE NEVER INTERVIEWED ANYONE SO FAMOUS IN MY WHOLE CAREER! I'VE ADMIRERD YOU FOR YEARS.

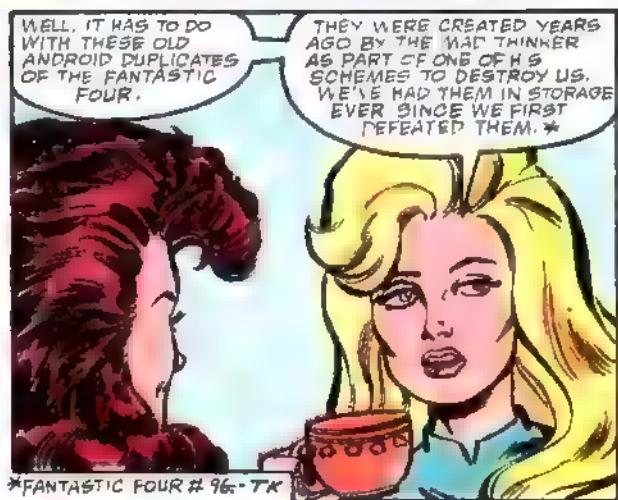
NERVOUS? YOU, MRS. RICHARDS?! WHAT HAVE YOU GOT TO BE NERVOUS ABOUT? I'M THE ONE WHO SHOULD BE NERVOUS!



THAT'S VERY FLATTERING, SOPHIE! YOU KNOW, I JUST REMEMBERED AN ADVENTURE I HAD RECENTLY. WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR ABOUT IT?

IT'S COMPLICATED, BUT I THINK YOU'LL FIND IT VERY INTERESTING.

SURE, MRS. RICHARDS!



WELL, IT HAS TO DO WITH THESE OLD ANDROID DUPLICATES OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR.

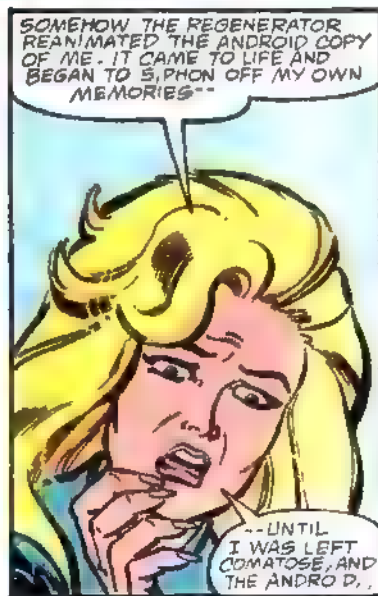
THEY WERE CREATED YEARS AGO BY THE MAD THINKER AS PART OF ONE OF HIS SCHEMES TO DESTROY US. WE'VE HAD THEM IN STORAGE EVER SINCE WE FIRST DEFEATED THEM. *

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WELL, NOT LONG AGO, REED BUILT AN EXPERIMENTAL MOLECULAR REGENERATOR. BUT IT WAS MORE DANGEROUS THAN HE THOUGHT, SO HE PACKED IT AWAY IN STORAGE, TOO.

THERE WAS AN ACCIDENT.



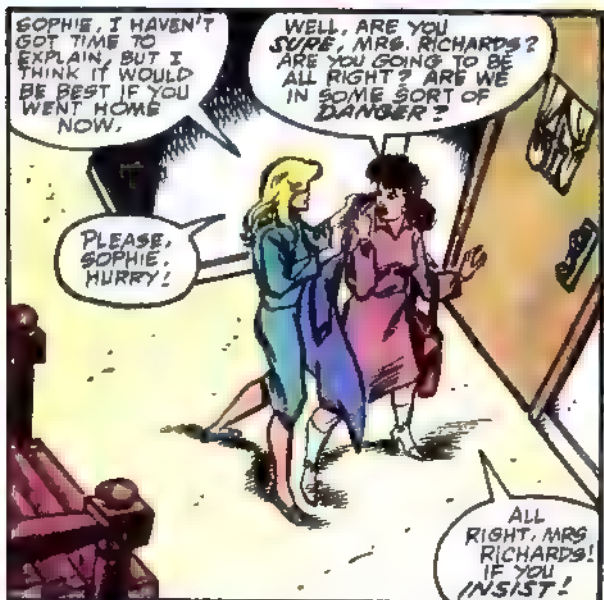
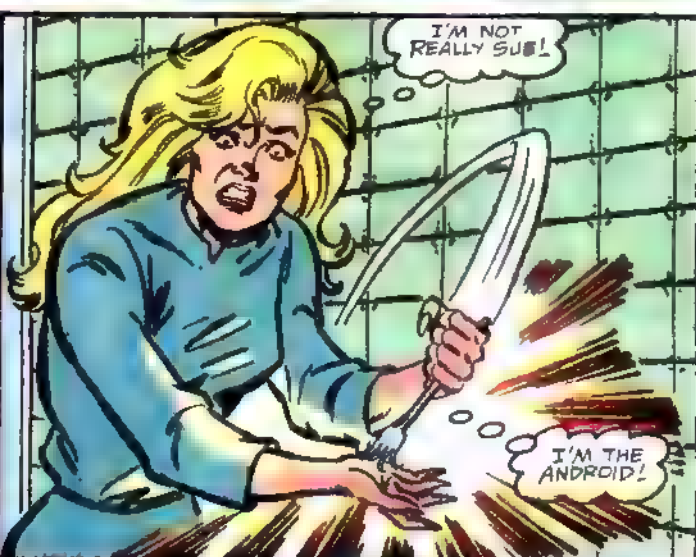
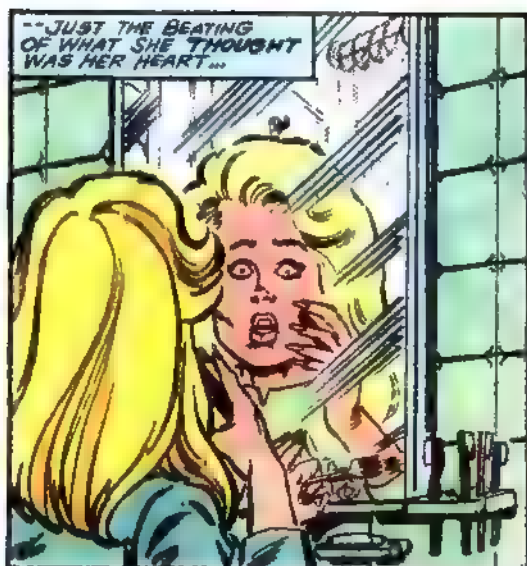
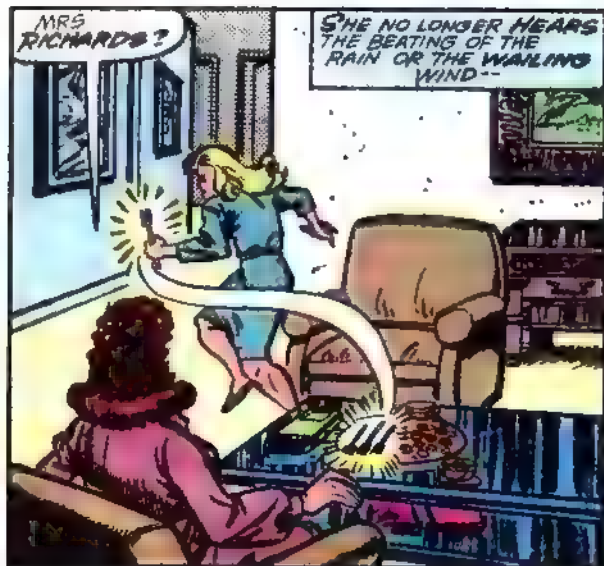
SOMEHOW THE REGENERATOR REANIMATED THE ANDROID COPY OF ME. IT CAME TO LIFE AND BEGAN TO SYPHON OFF MY OWN MEMORIES--

--UNTIL I WAS LEFT COMATOSE, AND THE ANDROID...



"THE ANDROID THOUGHT IT WAS ME!"

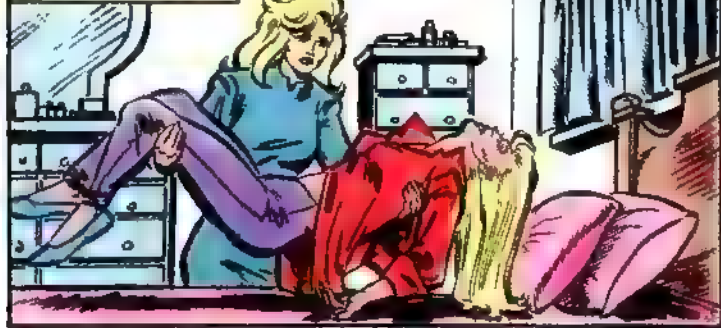
FASCINATING! WHEN DID THIS HAPPEN?!



IT SEEMS TO TAKE HER FOREVER TO MAKE IT UP THE STAIRS. HER BODY IS SHAKING SO HARD SHE HAS TO GRIP THE BANNISTER FOR SUPPORT



SHE KNEW WHAT SHE WOULD FIND...

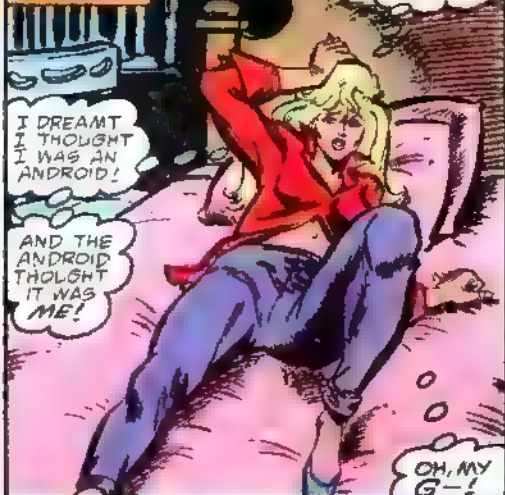


THIS ISN'T RIGHT. YOU'RE THE REAL SUE!

I'VE GOT TO GET YOU YOUR MIND BACK!



"IT'S WHAT YOU WOULD DO!"

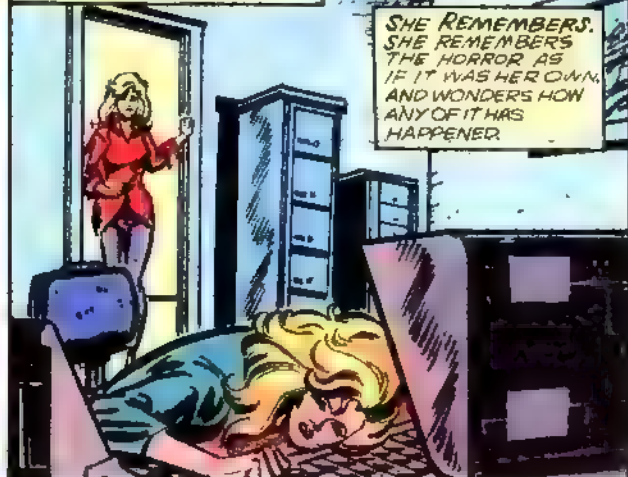


WHAT A TERRIFYING DREAM!

I DREAMT I THOUGHT I WAS AN ANDROID!

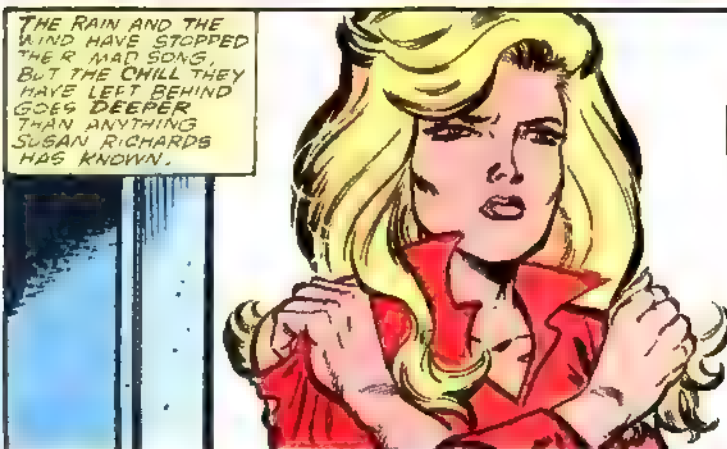
AND THE ANDROID THOUGHT IT WAS ME!

IT SEEMS TO TAKE HER FOREVER TO MAKE IT DOWNSTAIRS. SHE KNOWS WHAT SHE WILL FIND...



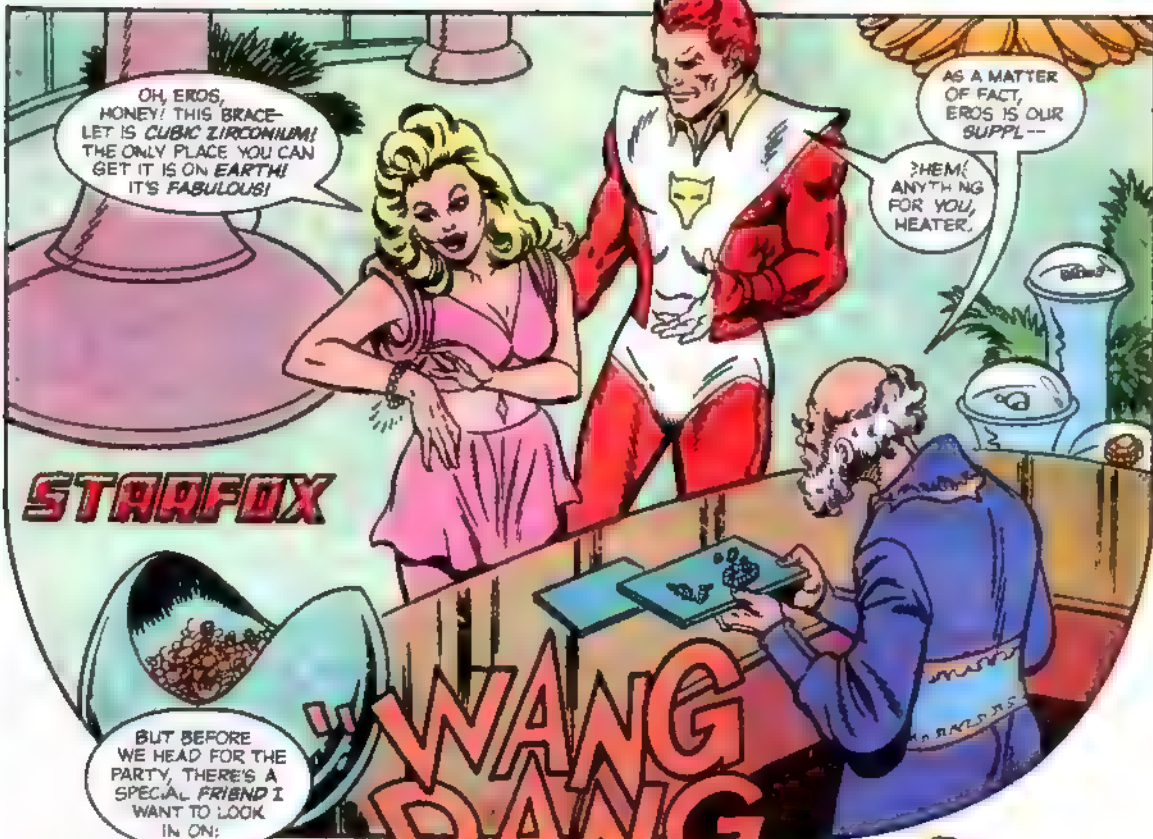
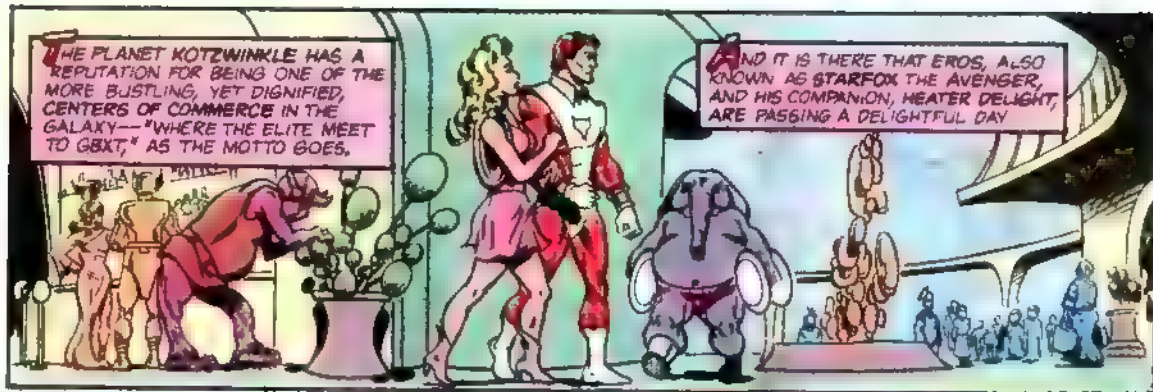
SHE REMEMBERS. SHE REMEMBERS THE HORROR AS IF IT WAS HER OWN. AND WONDERS HOW ANY OF IT HAS HAPPENED.

THE RAIN AND THE WIND HAVE STOPPED THE R MAD SONG. BUT THE CHILL THEY HAVE LEFT BEHIND GOES DEEPER THAN ANYTHING SUSAN RICHARDS HAS KNOWN.

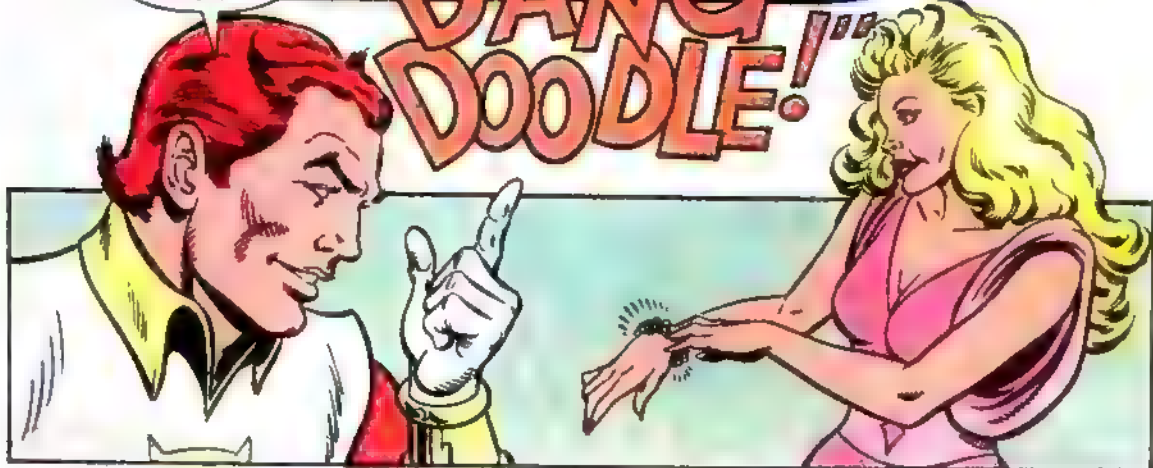


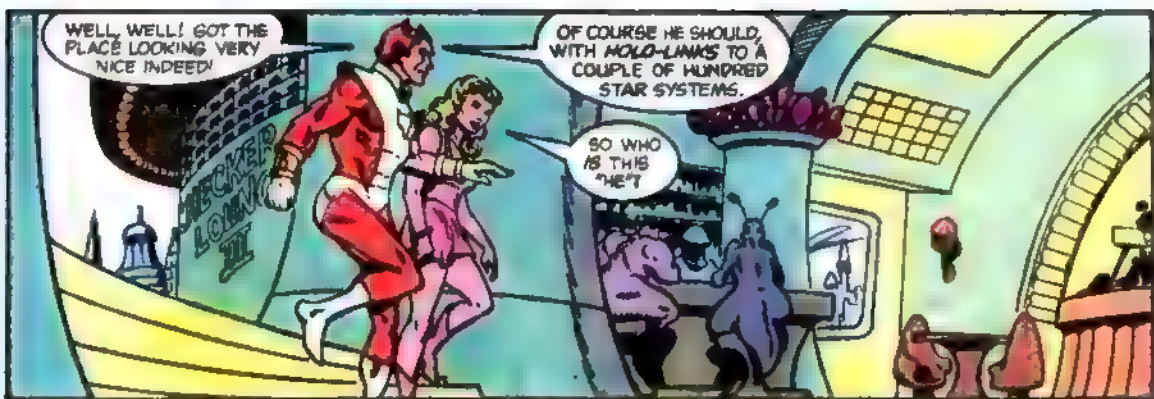
SHE WILL REMEMBER.. FOR A LONG, LONG TIME.

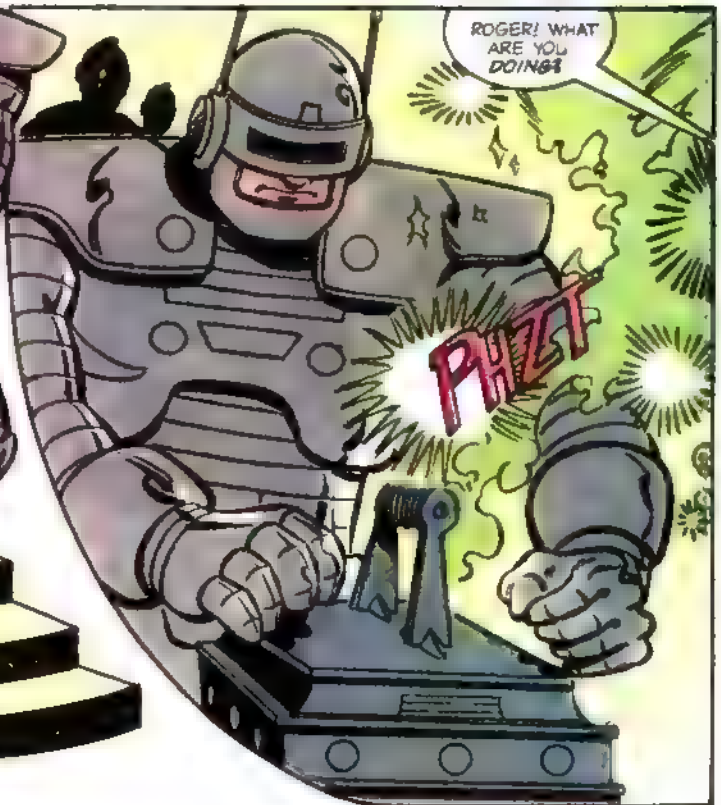
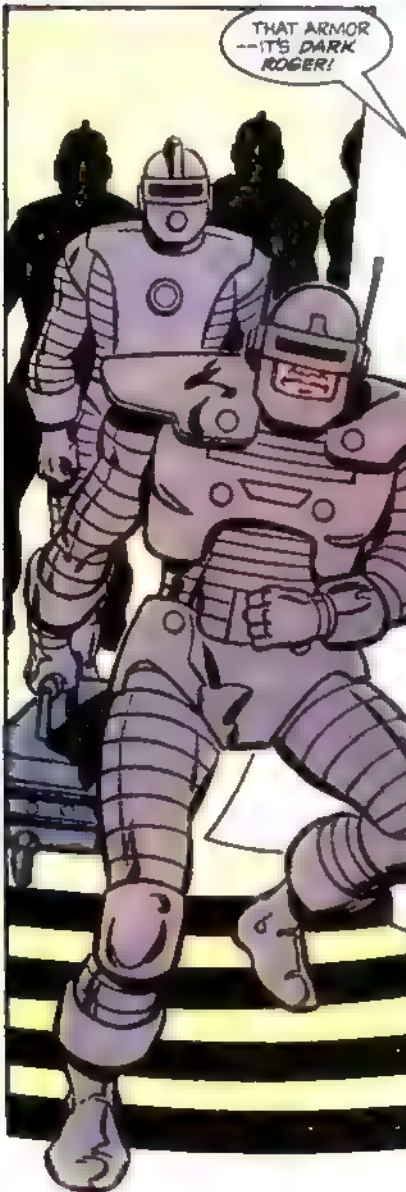
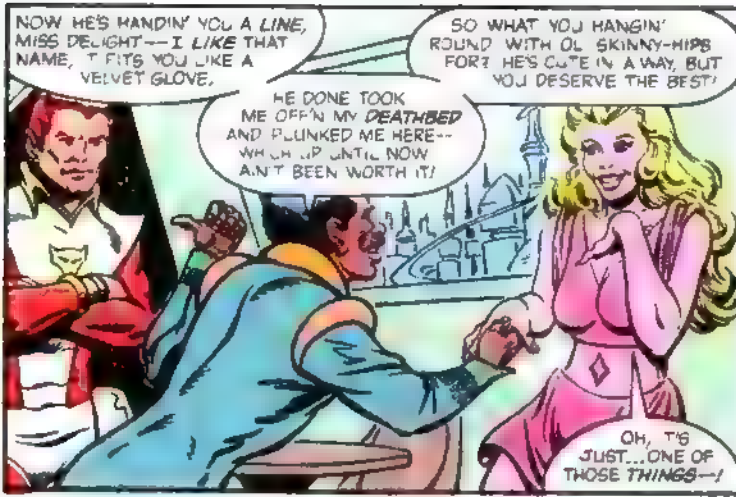
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**WANG
DANG
DOODLE!**



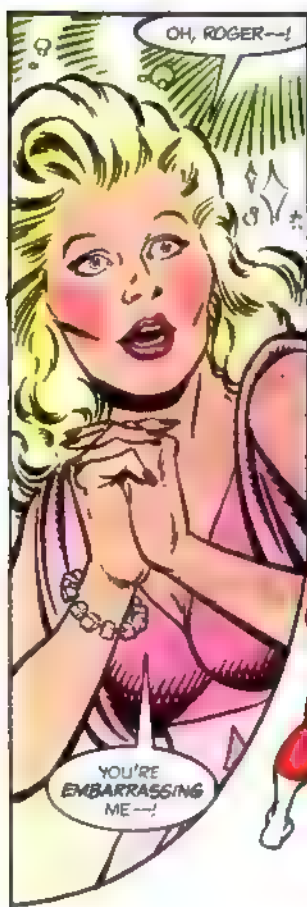






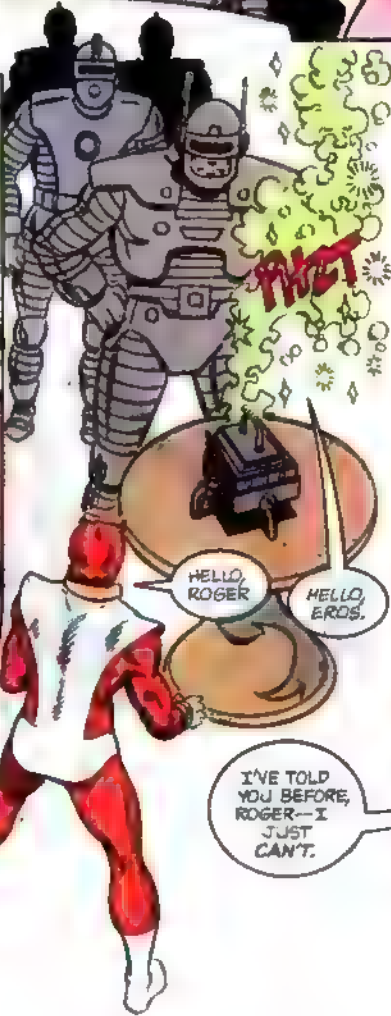
HEATER---I HOPE YOU'LL LET THIS BANDOVIAN STAR-FOUNTAIN REPRESENT MY DEEP AND ABIDING AFFECTION FOR YOU. AND I ASK YOU ONCE AGAIN TO PLEASE, PLEASE RECONSIDER MY PROPOSAL OF MARRIAGE?

I LOVE YOU BEYOND THE DEPTHS OF THE GREAT VOID-- MY LIFE IS UTTER SENSORY DEPRIVATION WITHOUT YOUR PRESENCE, YOUR COMMITMENT, YOUR LOVE...!



OH, ROGER---!

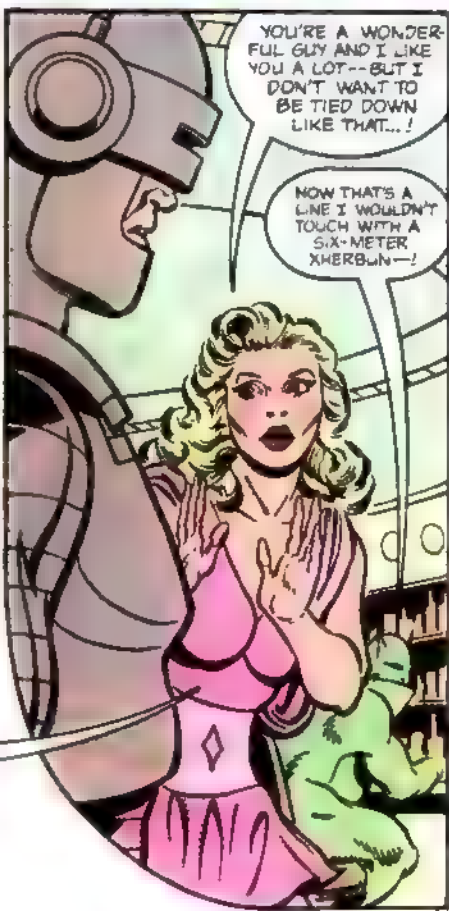
YOU'RE EMBARRASSING ME---!



HELLO, ROGER

HELLO, EROS.

I'VE TOLD YOU BEFORE, ROGER---I JUST CAN'T.



YOU'RE A WONDERFUL GUY AND I LIKE YOU A LOT---BUT I DON'T WANT TO BE TIED DOWN LIKE THAT...!

NOW THAT'S A LINE I WOULDN'T TOUCH WITH A SIX-METER XHERBUN---!

THEY A N'T WELCOME
HERE NEITHER!

...IT'S TRANSPORTED THIS
ENTIRE CLUB TO THE CAVERNS
OF SILENCE ON MY MYSTERY
PLANET--WHERE YOU CAN
STAY UNTIL YOU COME UP
WITH A BETTER ANSWER
TO MY REQUEST.

YOU MOVED THE CLUB?
NOW PLEASE TELL ME
YOU DIDN'T MESS W TH
THE HOLE-NKS--

I'M SORRY
YOU FEEL
THAT WAY,
HEATER.

YOU SEE THE
BANDOVIAN STAR-
FOUNTAIN HAS MORE THAN
A DECORATIVE FUNC-
TION, BELOVED...

I SAID CAVERNS OF SILENCE,
DIDN'T IT HEATER MUST HAVE
PEACE AND QUIET TO COME TO
HER DECISION!

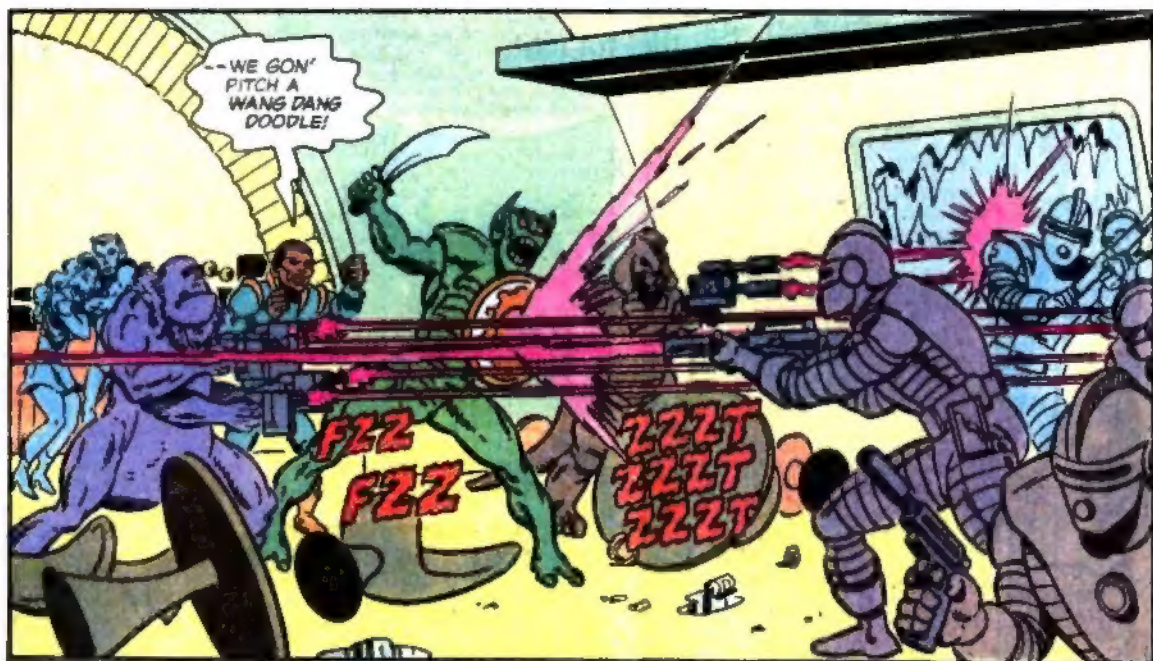
AND IN A THOU-
SAND CENTURIES,
NONE HAS EVER
FOUND THE MYSTERY
PLANET--OR RE-
TURNED WITH-
OUT ITS
MONARCH'S
PER-
MISSION!

THAT
DOES
IT!

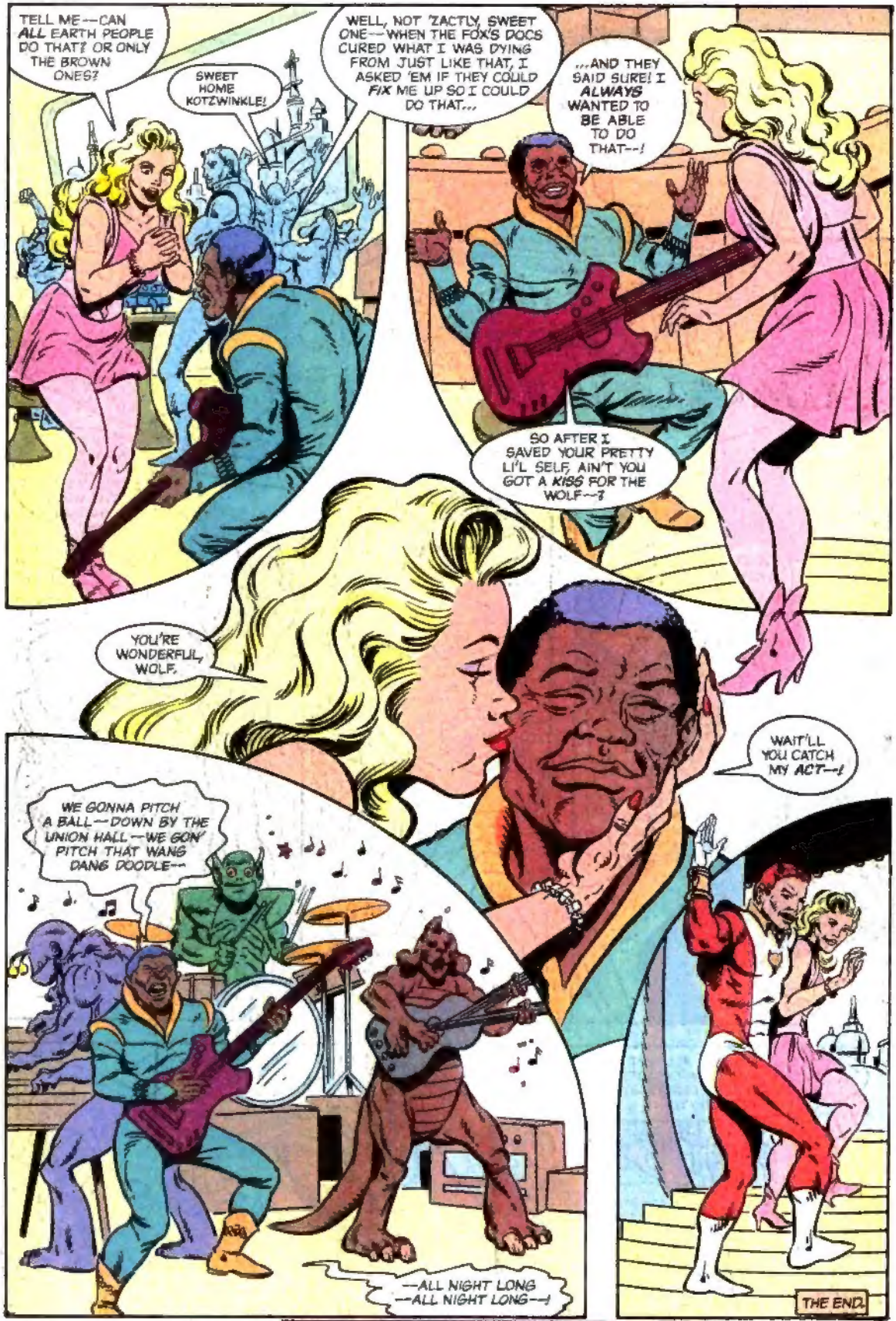
NOBODY
BUSTS UP
MY GIG!

TELL OLE
AUTOMATIC
SLIM--TELL OLE
RAZOR-TOTIN'
JIM--

--TELL OLE
BUTCHER-KNIFE-TOT N'
ANNIE--TELL OLE FAST-
TALKIN' FANNIE--

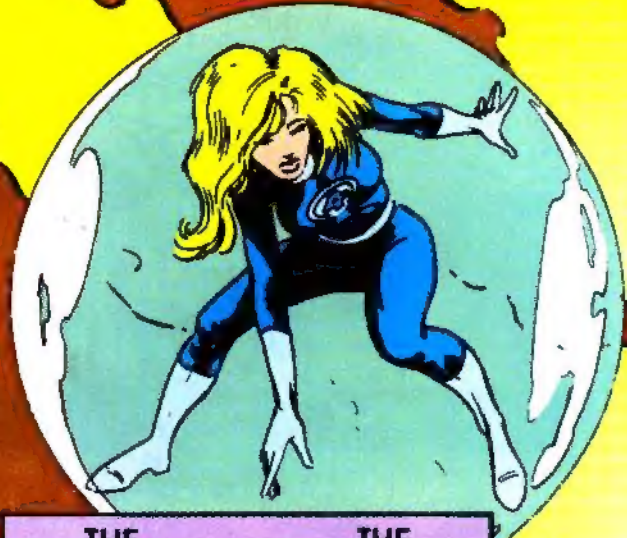






DEDICATED TO CHESTER ARTHUR BURNETT-- WHO LIVES ON--!

ONLY **POISON**
CAN KILL THE
PAIN...



THE
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WOMAN. vs. THE
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GIRL?!

RAGNAROCK
AND ROLL
WITH
STARFOX!

